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# U.S.I.A. Chief Allen Resigns

## Envoys To Mexico, Ghana Quit As Does Labor Department Man

By The Associated Press

Washington, Nov. 11.—United States Information Agency chief George V. Allen, who figured in a campaign dispute over U. S. prestige abroad, Friday led off the exodus of Eisenhower administration officials.

President Eisenhower, vacationing at Augusta, Ga., accepted the resignation of the 57-year-old career diplomat who served in key Cold War posts under both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations.

Allen will take over December 1 as president of the Tobacco Institute, an industry organization, at a salary believed much higher than the \$21,000 a year he has been getting as director of the U. S. Information Agency.

Eisenhower, who soon will hand over the presidency to Democrat John F. Kennedy, announced he had accepted these other resignations, the first of many to come:

1. Robert C. Hill as ambassador to Mexico, a job he has held four years. He is returning to New Hampshire to enter the Legislature.

### Replacement Named For Flake

2. Wilson C. Flake as ambassador to Ghana, one of the new African states. He will be replaced by Francis Russell, a career Foreign Service officer now ambassador to New Zealand.

3. Newell Brown as assistant secretary to labor for employment and man power. He is a onetime protege of former White House aide Sherman Adams.

Eisenhower—who had glowing praise for both Allen and Hill—did not name replacements for them, and probably won't this late in his Administration, which ends January 20.

## Mr. Allen's Departure

The director of the United States Information Agency has not had an easy time during the last three years. George V. Allen assumed this responsibility when the agency had been battered in a domestic political squabble and when confidence in the United States was being battered by the Soviet sputnik. If he was unable to recoup the deficiencies of national policy, he at least restored the dignity of USIA, improved its relations with Capitol Hill and provided a needed sense of direction.

This reserved and soft-spoken career foreign service officer whose training is in the nuances of diplomacy has been the antithesis of the Madison Avenue promoter—and of his cronyesque namesake, George E. Allen. He has believed far more in solid work than in flashy performance, and it is noteworthy that his greatest affection among USIA activities has been centered upon the library program abroad.

## Is Important To African Continent

The President apparently decided against keeping the Ghana post empty, even for a few months, because of its importance in the volatile African continent.

A major issue in the long presidential campaign just ended was the state of U. S. prestige in foreign countries. Kennedy declared it was slipping and tried without success to pry into public view secret polls Allen's agency conducted abroad—polls which reportedly reflected overseas estimates of waning U. S. power.

The White House finally announced a decision not to release these reports, saying Allen and Secretary of State Herter had come to this conclusion and making clear that Eisenhower backed them up.

There was no indication that Allen was hurrying his departure because of this. He completed 30 years in the Foreign Service this year.

More than 14 years ago the North Carolina-born Allen was tapped by President Harry S. Truman to become ambassador to Iran, then in danger of falling under the domination of Russia.

Brought home in 1948 to strengthen the Voice of America propaganda effort, Allen was given the rank of assistant secretary of state.

The following year Truman dispatched him as ambassador to Communist Yugoslavia. Allen's other major diplomatic assignments included: ambassadorships to India, Nepal, and Greece.

A little more than three years ago he became chief of the information agency, which operates the Voice of America and other related activities.

The 43-year-old Hill entered diplomacy as a political appointee. During the Eisenhower years he was ambassador to Costa Rica and El Salvador as well as Mexico.



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At the same time, Mr. Allen has been capable of considerable courage and sensitivity, as he demonstrated in ambassadorial assignments from Iran and Yugoslavia to India. His counsel within the outgoing Administration was sometimes wiser than what prevailed. He was fully aware that the prestige or "image" of the United States abroad could be no better than what its words and actions merited.

George Allen has rendered distinguished non-partisan service to the country for 30 years. This deserves to be remembered gratefully as he prepares to leave the USIA and the Foreign Service for a position in private industry.

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